

Today's News - August 19, 2002

Zaha Hadid makes an impression with her "fluid architecture" in a new exhibition at the National Building Museum. As we reported last Thursday, today is the day the LMDC is issuing a Request for Qualifications for a new design study for Ground Zero. As of the posting of today's news, the RFQ has not been released, but should be available sometime today at: www.renewnyc.com. New York City has issued RFP's & Q's for projects in Brooklyn and Queens. And the GSA is looking to renovate its Washington, DC headquarters. There's an interesting take on the do's and don'ts of decision-making for projects of any size. The politics of design continue to rankle regarding the make-over of Arthur Erickson's concert hall. Can LA's "Cultural Corridor" of architectural wonders co-exist with the city's existing urban realities? Suburbia is learning lessons in urban planning - and making some smart decisions. Herbert Muschamp pays tribute to Conrad Hilton, and says "designers will be our new consular corps." Architect Shalom Baranes shows off his Washington, DC. A Japanese center in London will be culturally and environmentally respectful. Bonnie Raitt hits the road with a "green" tour. Will feng shui be the new way in retail design? ...and much more.

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[Whose hall is it anyway? ...the politics of \[Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall\] makeover has been fraught with difficulties. - Arthur Erickson; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

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